

## SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

### Introduction

There are two aspects to safeguarding relevant to Target Dyslexia:

- Suitability of the tutor;
- Disclosure.

### Suitability of the tutor

Target Dyslexia is the trading style of Lorraine Walsh's private tutoring and advice services. The nature of Lorraine's service is a 'regulated activity' under UK law that typically require workers to undergo a DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service – previously 'CRB') check. Lorraine has worked in education for over 25 years and has undergone numerous CRB and DBS checks.

DBS checks are generally requested by employers or licensed bodies, rather than by individuals and, somewhat paradoxically, there is therefore no legal obligation for private tutors to undergo such a check.

Notwithstanding the absence of this requirement for DBS, Lorraine has nonetheless obtained a BDS check via her professional association, PATOSS (Professional Association of Teachers of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties). This certificate is available for inspection on request.

As added security, the NSPCC recommends that parents talk to their children about keeping themselves safe and have introduced a programme to facilitate these talks called the *Underwear Rule (PANTS)*. This programme can be accessed at [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/).

### Disclosure

Children form close bonds with Lorraine and there is a possibility they may disclose something that gives rise to a safeguarding concern. Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and Lorraine has an obligation to disclose safeguarding concerns to the children's social care team at the child's local council (contact details are listed [www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse-to-local-council](http://www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse-to-local-council)).

Wherever possible, disclosure will be made in consultation with parents.